

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough examination given the present application.

Status of the Claims

Claims 20-28 will be pending in the above-identified application upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 11-19 have been cancelled herein. Claims 20-28 were indicated as allowed in the Office Action of August 11, 2009. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Applicants note that the outstanding Office Action is final. Because this amendment merely presents cancellation of non-allowed claims, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and permit the currently pending claims to proceed towards issuance.

CONCLUSION

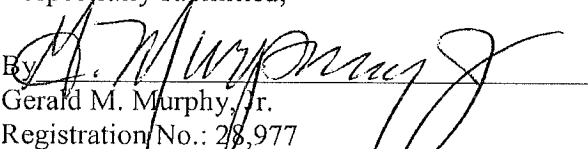
A full and complete response has been made to all issues as cited in the Office Action. Applicants have taken substantial steps in efforts to advance prosecution of the present application. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance issue for the present case clearly indicating that each of claims 20-28 are allowed and patentable under the provisions of title 35 of the United States Code.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mary M.H. Eliason, Reg. No. 58,303 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,


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